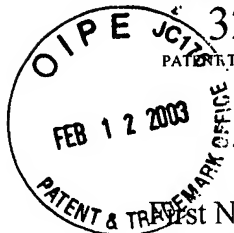




32692

PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: MANN, LAWRENCE J.

Application No.: 10/014221

Group Art Unit: 3626

Filed: December 11, 2001

Examiner: Unknown

Title: METHOD FOR GASKET REMOVAL

Patent
Case No.: 37341US002

#410/15/13

RECEIVED
FEB 14 2003
GROUP 3600SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on:

February 6, 2003
Date

Signed by: Lisa Hengen

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, enclosed is a completed Form PTO-1449 citing a reference submitted for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of the cited reference is also enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that the reference has been considered.

Under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Under 37 CFR § 1.704(d), I hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

RECEIVED
AUG 27 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

A copy of the Search Report from a foreign counterpart application is enclosed.


It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

Feb 3, 2003

By:


Gregory D. Allen, Reg. No.: 35,048
Telephone No.: 651-736-0641

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel
3M Innovative Properties Company
Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO (Modified) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary) Page 1 of 1	Application Number	10/014221
	Filing Date	December 11, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Mann, Lawrence J.
	Art Unit	3626
	Examiner Name	
	Attorney Case Number	57341US002

U.S. Patent Documents					
Exam. Init.*	Cite No.	Document Number	Publication Date or Issue Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Doc. Number-(Kind Code if Known)			
	A1	US- 6,126,533	10/03/2000	Johnson et al.	
	A2	US-			
	A3	US-			
	A4	US-			
	A5	US-			
	A6	US-			
	A7	US-			
	A8	US-			
	A9	US-			
	A10	US-			
	A11	US-			

Foreign Patent Documents						
Exam. Init.*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Ctry. Code	Number-KindCode (If known)			
	B1					
	B2					
	B3					
	B4					
	B5					
	B6					
	B7					

OTHER PRIOR ART -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS		
Exam. Init.*	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published
	C1	
	C2	
	C3	

*Examiner:	Date Considered:
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	